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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS ON ISRAELI ELECTIONS AND GENEVA

1. SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS OVER WEEKEND MAINTAINS POSITIVE
LINE ON PROSPECTS AT GENEVA. PRESS COMBINES ASSESSMENT THAT
ISRAELI ELECTIONS CONFIRMED "CENTRIST" POLICY OF RULING
COALITION WITH ADMONITION THAT ISRAEL MUST NOW MOVE TOWARD
CONCRETE STEPS AT GENEVA. PRAVDA ALSO CRITICIZES STORIES
THAT USSR UNDERMINING ARAB CAUSE WITH INCREASED DELIVERIES
OF OIL TO EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

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2. DISJOINTED PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS (BOLSHAKOV JANUARY 5) SAYS ELECTIONS SHOWED ISRAELI PEOPLE TIRED OF WARS AND ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS AND DISAPPOINTED WITH POLICY OF RULING CIRCLES. BOLSHAKOV ASSERTS GROWING POLARIZATION OF POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY ON ONE HAND FORCED "LIKUD" TO COMPROMISE ON UNYIELDING POSITIONS OPPOSING RETURN OF OCCUPIED LANDS AND TALKS WITH ARABS BUT ON OTHER HAND CAUSED RULING COALITION NOT TO RENOUNCE FULLY PROGRAM OF ANNEXATION. RESULT IS MAJORITY FOR "CENTRIST" POSITION OF RULING COALITION, WHICH ISRAELI PRESS EXPECTS WILL LEAVE ISRAELI POLICY UNCHANGED. COMMENTATOR CONCLUDES THAT THIS MEANS TEL AVIV HAS NOT GIVEN UP POLICY OF CONFRONTATION WITH ARABS, AND ISRAELI RULERS HAVE NOT FINALLY REALIZED THAT ONLY REAL WAY OUT OF DEADLOCK IS FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SC RESOLUTIONS ON ME.

3. PRAVDA WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW (JANUARY 6) CITES AL AHRAH TO EFFECT THAT WITH ISRAELI ELECTIONS OVER, GOI MUST CAREFULLY DEFINE ITS POSITION ON FULFILLING SC RESOLUTIONS AND MUST SHOW ITS INTEREST IN SETTLEMENT BY PRACTICAL STEPS AT GENEVA. IT ALSO ASSERTS THAT ATTEMPT BY ISRAELI RULING PARTY TO EXPLAIN ITS PRE-ELECTION MILITARY POSITION BY CONCERN THAT VOTERS MIGHT SWING TO RIGHT HAS NOW LOST ALL BASIS. REVIEW REFUTES THOSE (INCLUDING PEKING) WHO CLAIM SOVIETS ARE INCREASING THEIR OIL DELIVERIES TO WESTERN EUROPE MARKET SUFFERING FROM ARAB OIL BOYCOTT.SOMMERLATTE

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